NN/LM Outreach Evaluation Resource Center Outreach Evaluation Series: Data Collection for Health Information Outreach 2009

Handout One

Final Evaluation Report Outline Healthy Start Health Information Outreach Project¹

Project: Healthy Start Health Information Outreach Project

Goal: Improve health information search skills of Healthy Start staff and volunteers

Background: Healthy Start is a national program that promotes community-based maternal and health programs with services focused on reduction of infant mortality, low birth rate, and racial disparities in health care and health status of infants. Healthy Start's model emphasizes community-based interventions that take into account social, economic, and health issues.

Strategy: Outreach librarians will use a consumer-health training module to teach Healthy Start staff and volunteers how to find and evaluate consumer health information online. They also will train staff and volunteers how to contact a reference librarian when necessary.

Deliverables:

- Train 90% of staff and volunteers
- Document procedures (in print and online) for staff to contact health science librarians when needed

Short-Term Outcomes

Healthy Start staff and volunteers will

- Be able to find health information for specific health questions
- Be more confident about finding health information for clients
- Know how and where to get medical reference help

Long-Term Outcomes

- Staff and volunteers will use the online resources
- Staff will contact reference librarians for medical information
- Staff will refer others to resources
- Healthy Start program will institutionalize health information training

¹ Healthy Start is an existing organization; this project is hypothetical, designed for teaching purposes only.

Final Evaluation Report Outline

I. Community Assessment (This usually is the background information about your program)

Report Outline	Data Source
A. Healthy Start in employs staff members and has volunteers. They serveclients per year.	Healthy Start Records
B. Healthy Start staff use health information for	Focus group interviews with staff
C. Healthy Start staff usually get health information by/from	
D. Healthy Start <i>volunteers</i> use health information for	
E. Healthy Start <i>volunteers</i> usually get health information by/from	
F. Health topics of most concern to Healthy Start clients are ———————————————————————————————————	
G. The consumer health training module used for this project was chosen because	
H. The librarian trainers had a. (amount and type of experience) b. (amount of availability) c. (interest)	
I. The Healthy Start facilities offered computer labs a. (located) b. (with # of computers) c. (accessible to volunteers and staff?)	
J. Healthy Start requires hours of training for for staff andfor volunteers. They are trained in We can incorporate health information resource training by	

II. Program Outputs and Quality

Report Outline	Data Source
A. During (time period of the program),# of trainers trained# of staff and# of volunteers. This constitutes% of Healthy Start trainers and% of their volunteers. [Indicate if you met or succeeded your process goals.]	Course attendance records
B. The procedures written for staff and volunteers for getting medical reference were reviewed by for accuracy and completeness.	Comments and ratings from expert reviewers (reference librarians)
C% of participants rated of the overall quality of training as good or excellent.	
D. Participant feedback also showed that(list comments participants about the class) During a feedback session held [point in program, e.g., one month after start of the program.] trainers suggested the following changes to the content/method of instruction. Therefore, the following changes were made in the content/method of instruction:	

III. Outcomes Assessment

Report Outline	Data Source
A% of staff participants and% of volunteer participants reported that they	One-month follow-up survey to participants
 Found health information during the session that they could use or give to clients 	
 Had more confidence they could find health information they needed for clients 	
 Could identify at least one way to get medical reference help for information the could not find through the online 	
B. Some examples of how staff and volunteer participants plan to use the information presented in the workshop are:	One-month follow-up interviews with several staff and volunteers

Outcomes Assessment (cont)

Report Outline	Data Source
C months after training,% of participating staff and% of participating volunteers reported using online resources to • Provide clients with general health information • Find a health provider or service • Research a client's health question • Prepare for a presentation	
E. The most reported online resources were, used by% of staff and% of volunteers. Table 1 shows the percentage of staff and volunteers who used the other resources provided in the class.	
 F months after training,% of participating staff and% of participating volunteers reported: Contacting a health science librarian for medical information Contacting a public librarian for medical health information Using the "ask-a-librarian" option on the public library home page 	
 G% of staff and % of volunteers reported referring others to the online resources taught in the class% referred: Other Healthy Start staff or volunteers Staff or volunteers in other organizations Clients 	